

Statement from the Australian Olympic Committee to 7.30. 14 May 2019

This has been a long-running and difficult subject for the Olympic movement and many athletes like Raelene.

The reality is that this issue can never be resolved to the satisfaction of everyone because of the ten-year statute of limitation period.

This is recognised under the World Anti-Doping Code and all the government and other signatories, including the Olympic movement.

It has been examined on many occasions, including by the National Federations in Germany which have been unable to delete the records of East German athletes.

For its part, the AOC has recognised Raelene as one of our greatest athletes, honouring her with its highest accolade, the Order of Merit. She is held in the highest esteem.

Raelene was honoured by the AOC in two Olympic Opening Ceremonies, carrying the Australian flag in Montreal and joining other Australian female legends selected by the AOC President and Olympics Minister to carry the Olympic torch into the stadium in 2000.